

effective to increase crop germination and root development.

14. The method of claim 10 wherein said compounds are copper salts of caprylic amino acids administered in an amount effective to protect crops and leaves against viruses and microorganisms.

15. The method of claim 10 wherein said compounds are copper salts of caprylic amino acids administered in an amount effective to increase the sugar content of beet crops.

16. The method of claim 10 wherein said compounds are copper salts of caprylic amino acids administered in an amount effective to increase the sugar content of grape crops.

REMARKS

Applicants have filed simultaneously herewith an English translation of the above-identified International Application. The claims have been amended herein so as put them into proper U.S. format and to use idiomatic English.

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